

The parties jointly submit this Statement Regarding Further Case Management pursuant

2

1

to Civil Local Rule 16-10.

3

## **Brief Description of the Case**

45

6

7

8

9

10

11

1213

14

15 16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

111

///

/ / /

/ / /

26

27

28

On May 30, 2007, Plaintiff Juan Cuevas filed a Complaint against World Savings Bank, FSB, ("World Savings") and Atlas Realty, Alvin Silbernagel and Samantha Trevino (collectively, "Atlas") in the United States Court for the Northern District for the State of California, entitled Juan Cuevas v. Atlas Realty, et al., Case No. C07 02814. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") on August 31, 2008. The FAC alleged that the defendants engaged in predatory loan practices breaching various statutory duties under the Federal Truth in Lending Act, California Civil Code Section 1632, the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), and California Business & Professions Code Section 17200, et seq. The Complaint also alleged causes of action for negligence, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, rescission, unjust enrichment, and breach of fiduciary duty. On October 9, 2007, Defendant World Savings filed a Motion to Dismiss the second, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth claims under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). On October 10, 2008, Defendant Atlas filed a Motion to Dismiss the FAC under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1). On December 14, 2007, the Court held the hearing on the motions to dismiss and entered a minute order taking the motion under submission, referring the parties to court mediation, and scheduling a further CMC for March 14, 2008. On January 30, 2008, the Court entered an Order denying Atlas' motion to dismiss and granting World Savings' motion with respect to the CLRA claim but denying the motion as to all other counts. In March 2008, the parties entered into settlement negotiations. On March 14, 2008, pursuant to stipulation, the Court continued the CMC until April 18, 2008. On April 15, 2008,

pursuant to stipulation, the Court continued the CMC until May 23, 2008.

## Settlement with World Savings Bank, FSB

In February and early March 2008, Defendant World Savings and Plaintiff engaged in lengthy arms length negotiations regarding a fair and reasonable loan modification and settlement of this action. The result of these lengthy negotiations was a Settlement Agreement, pursuant to which World agreed to "buy-down" the rate of Mr. Cuevas' loan, lower his minimum monthly payment, waive prepayment penalties and waive the loan modification fee. In addition, World agreed to change the loan from one with a high variable interest rate to one with a fixed rate of 5.75%., to reduce the principal amount owed on the loan by \$44,121.00 and to pay \$7,500 of Mr. Cuevas' attorneys' fees. A true and correct copy of the executed settlement agreement between Mr. Cuevas and World Savings Bank, FSB is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In consideration of settlement, Plaintiff and World Savings filed a stipulated dismissal and proposed order on March 12, 2008. The Court entered the order dismissing the complaint with prejudice as to defendant World Savings on March 19, 2008. The stipulation and order also provided that this Court shall maintain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the Settlement Agreement and that except as provided in the Settlement Agreement, the parties shall maintain their own costs. On April 16, 2008 World Savings filed a Motion for Determination that Settlement is in Good Faith and for Order Barring Indemnity and Contribution Claims which is set for hearing on May 23, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the Case Management Conference.

World Savings Bank has performed on its obligations under the settlement agreement.

## **Settlement with Atlas Realty**

In mid-March 2008, Defendant Atlas and Plaintiff engaged in negotiations regarding a fair and reasonable settlement. The result of these negotiations was a Settlement Agreement, pursuant to which the parties agreed to a general and mutual release of all claims and to bear their own litigation costs. In addition, the settlement agreement provided that within 10 days of notice of a Court Order determining that the settlement agreement was entered into in good faith, Plaintiff will dismiss the FAC as to Atlas and Atlas will pay Plaintiff the sum of \$12,000 in satisfaction of all claims. A true and correct copy of the executed settlement agreement between Mr. Cuevas and Atlas is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

	Case 5:07-cv-02814-JF	Document 42	Filed 05/20/2008 Page 4 of 4
1	On March 24, 2008 A	tlas filed a Motion	n for Determination of Good Faith Settlement
2	which is set for hearing on M	ay 23, 2008 at 9:0	00 a.m., the date of the Case Management
3	Conference.		
4	Dated: May 20, 2008		WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI
5			Professional Corporation
6			By:/s/ Brian Danitz
7			Brian Danitz
8			Attorneys for Plaintiff Juan Cuevas
9			
10	Dated: May 20, 2008		REED SMITH, LLP
11			By: /s/ Keith D. Yandell
12			Keith D. Yandell
13			Attorneys for Defendant
14			WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB
15	Dated: May 20, 2008		CARLSON LAW GROUP, INC.
16			By: /s/ Mark C. Carlson
17			Mark C. Carlson
18			Attorneys for Defendants
19			ATLAS REALTY, ALVIN SILBERNAGEL, and SAMANTHA TREVINO
20			
21	ATTESTATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 45		
22	I, Brian Danitz, attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained		
23	from each of the other signatories.		
24	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.		
25	Executed on May 20, 2008, at Palo Alto, California.		
26			
27			/s/ Brian Danitz
28			Brian Danitz
	JOINT STATEMENT RE CASE M	IANAGEMENT	